

Senate Study Bill 3042

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an annual appropriation to the department of
2 veterans affairs for the state veterans cemetery.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5408DP 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.5, subsection 9, Code Supplement
1 2 2005, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 9. Establish and operate a state veterans cemetery and
1 4 make application to the government of the United States or any
1 5 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof, for funds for
1 6 the purpose of establishing such a cemetery. There is
1 7 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
1 8 department for each fiscal year the sum of three hundred
1 9 seventy-five thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing
1 10 and operating a state veterans cemetery. The state may enter
1 11 into agreements with any subdivision of the state for
1 12 assistance in operating the cemetery. The state shall own the
1 13 land on which the cemetery is located. The department shall
1 14 have the authority to accept federal grant funds, funding from
1 15 state subdivisions, donations from private sources, and
1 16 federal "plot allowance" payments. All such funds shall be
1 17 deposited into an account dedicated to the establishment,
1 18 operation, and maintenance of a veterans cemetery and these
1 19 funds shall be expended only for those purposes. The
1 20 department through the director shall have the authority to
1 21 accept suitable cemetery land, in accordance with federal
1 22 veterans cemetery grant guidelines, from the federal
1 23 government, state government, state subdivisions, private
1 24 sources, and any other source wishing to transfer land for use
1 25 as a veterans cemetery. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any
1 26 moneys in the account for a state veterans cemetery shall not
1 27 revert and, notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
1 28 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be
1 29 credited to the account.

EXPLANATION

1 31 This bill appropriates \$375,000 annually to the department
1 32 of veterans affairs to establish and operate a state veterans
1 33 cemetery.
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